

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 920  
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend John Hull Dobbs, Sr.,  
upon his induction into the Society of  
Entrepreneurs.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as professionals and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is John Hull Dobbs, Sr., who has been chosen for induction into the Society of Entrepreneurs, a prestigious honor that speaks to Mr. Dobbs's dedication to his business and his community; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1991, the Society of Entrepreneurs was created to foster the development of the entrepreneurial spirit and to recognize the contributions of entrepreneurs to business and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Society of Entrepreneurs selected only five new members to join their organization this year, and these chosen individuals have demonstrated a gift for entrepreneurship in their professional endeavors, yet they have used this gift to enrich their respective communities as well; and

WHEREAS, known as an astute businessman and innovator, John Hull Dobbs, Sr. has transformed his family's business into a multi-industry, highly diversified firm; and

WHEREAS, the spirit of entrepreneurialism runs in the Dobbs family; originally, the family business centered on prosperous automobile dealerships, owned and operated by John Hull Dobbs's father, the late James K. Dobbs; and

WHEREAS, at one time, the Dobbs dealerships sold an estimated twenty-five percent of all Fords sold; this remarkable success helped to earn James K. Dobbs membership into the Society of Entrepreneurs, a role in which his son now follows him, and

WHEREAS, John Hull Dobbs, Sr. has profitably diversified the family's business to include, at various times, restaurants like the Dobbs House and Toddle House, the airline catering business, beer distributorships, real estate, health maintenance, and ranching; this wide and impressive range of industries indisputably shows a true spirit of entrepreneurialism; and

WHEREAS, a consummate professional, John Hull Dobbs, Sr., is also a model public servant who shares his successes and talents with his community, and in addition to expanding the family business, he has also expanded the family's philanthropic interests and commitments; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dobbs epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of the distinguished members of the Society of Entrepreneurs, and he will be officially inducted into the Society and recognized for his contributions to Tennessee on April 24, 2004, at the Society's annual awards ceremony; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud John Hull Dobbs, Sr. for his remarkable accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend John Hull Dobbs, Sr. for his meritorious service to the state of Tennessee, congratulate him on his induction into the Society of Entrepreneurs, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.